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<b>(54) Title:</b> HIGH PURITY COMPOSITION COMPRISING (7 $\alpha$ ,17 $\alpha$ )- 17-HYDROXY- 7-METHYL- 19-NOR-17-PREGN- 5(10)-EN-20-YN-3-ONE <b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>The invention pertains to a process for the preparation of a high purity composition of (7<math>\alpha</math>,17<math>\alpha</math>)- 17-hydroxy- 7-methyl- 19-nor-17-pregn- 5(10)-en-20-yn-3-one. The process provides for a composition with less than 0.5 % of (7<math>\alpha</math>,17<math>\alpha</math>)- 17-hydroxy- 7-methyl- 19-nor-17-pregn- 4-en-20-yn- 3-one. This composition can be used as a source for the preparation of stable pharmaceutical dosage units.</p>		